



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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FY'04 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Report: New Requirement

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) now requires all states to complete semi-annual reports on the execution of the **FY 2004 Homeland Security Grant**. This report is required for the continuation of grant funding to the state (and all sub grantees).

To meet ODP's requirements SEMA has developed a simplified online questionnaire regarding the use of funding by all sub grantees. We will be emailing all sub grantees a username and a password to access this questionnaire. This information will be used to compile the overall report for the state.

All sub grantees need to **complete the questionnaires by February 11, 2005**. If you have not received the email by noon on Friday, January 28, 2005, please contact Dennise Schaben, 573-526-9229, or email: dennise.schaben@sema.dps.mo.gov. Sub grantees that do not have an email address on file with SEMA will receive a hard copy of the questionnaire.

Jurisdictions receiving equipment under the *state law enforcement and emergency medical service personal protective equipment program* **do not** need to complete the questionnaire **unless** you have received grant funding from another HSGP source.

Crisis Communications Conference – February 11-12, 2005

As of January 20, over 190 EMDs and dispatchers have registered to attend the Crisis Communications Conference, February 11-12, 2005 at Osage Beach. Registrations are still being accepted – contact Cathy Zumwalt at 573-526-9145 or fax your application to 573-634-7966.

The registration desk will be open at 2-4:30 p.m., Feb 10. The workshops begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. The Friday morning with workshops will focus on liability, state interoperable plan overview, emergency radio systems, weather over the Internet, 911 addressing, and working with volunteers.

An additional Dispatcher's "Call Taking and Dispatching Techniques in a Crisis Situation" class has been added to accommodate requests (two on Friday and one on Saturday morning). Dispatchers attending these classes will receive 4 hours of continuing education credit.

Earthquake Awareness Campaign, Business Info Posted to Homepage

Information about the 2005 Earthquake Awareness Week (January 30- February 5, 2005) is posted to SEMA's homepage at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/EQ%20Awareness.htm>

The campaign features both General Information (Preparedness, bookmarks, Information on the New Madrid Fault, and DNR's Geologists in the Trenches) AND Business Specific Information (emergency planning, non structural mitigation, office safety etc).

SEMA Classes Still Taking Applications

Feb. 2-3,	Principles of Emergency Management	St. Louis/CEMA
Feb. 8-9,	Principles of Emergency Management	St. Joseph
March 1-3	Emergency Planning for Special Needs	Sikeston
March 2	Damage Assessment	St. James
March 15-17	Effective Communications	Branson

For more information or to register online for SEMA Training Courses go to: <http://training.dps.mo.gov> or call SEMA's Training Assistant Tina Brown at 573-526-9215.

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 30, 31)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced four Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants.

Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Jackson FD \$115,000; Marshfield RFPD \$193,032; Rutledge FD \$28,660.

Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Alton VFD \$140,000; Boonville FD \$123,386; Lake St. Louis FPD \$47,651; Morrisville F&R \$54,923; Mt. Vernon FD \$97,065; Wayland VFPD \$165,000.

Assistance to Firefighter Workshops Set

The Office of Domestic Preparedness will be holding a series of Assistance to Firefighters Grant workshops from late January through March 2005. The workshops are two hours and all grant information is identical. In Missouri workshops will be announced for St. Louis and Kansas City on February 1-3 – the locations and times to be announced. The workshops will be offered at the Missouri Winter Fire School in Columbia on February 4-6 – check the training agenda. For more information go to www.firegrantssupport.com

Blunt Nominates Adjutant General of Missouri National Guard

Governor Matt Blunt selected Col. King E. Sidwell of Sikeston to become the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard. As adjutant general, Sidwell will command the state's Army and Air National Guard. The Adjutant General reports to the governor, and is responsible for all state National Guard personnel, the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and the Civil Air Patrol.

Sidwell, 54, brings 30 years of commissioned service to the office, including his most recent assignment as assistant corps engineer in the 35th Engineer Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood. Before being transferred to the retired reserve in August 2004, Sidwell was given a certificate of eligibility by the U.S. Senate for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

DHS Launches Stadium Vulnerabilities Assessment Tools

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) developed the first online Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool (VSAT) for stadiums with large seating capacity. This tool allows stadium security managers to identify vulnerabilities and assess the overall security of their public assembly facility.

The online stadium tool incorporates industry safety and security best practices for critical infrastructure to assist in establishing a security baseline for each facility. Once a baseline is established, the tool identifies the strengths of current security programs as well as areas in need of improvement, allowing prioritization of necessary enhancements to the facility's security. The tool focuses on key areas: such as

information security, physical assets, communication security, and personnel security. The report can be printed or updated at any time.

NWS Offers Storm Spotter Classes in February 2005

St. Louis Office		Feb 28	6:30 p.m., Cassville
Feb 1	7 p.m., Warrenton FPD #1	KC/Pleasant Hill Office	
Paducah, KY Office		Feb 2	7:00 p.m., City Hall, Raytown
Feb 8	6 p.m., Scott County EOC, Oran	Feb 3	7:00 p.m., Fire Dept, Knob Noster
Springfield Office		Feb 8	7:00 p.m., Butler
Feb 7	6:30 p.m., Mt. Vernon	Feb 8	7:00 p.m., Health Dept., Trenton
Feb 8	6:30 p.m., Marshfield	Feb 9	7:00 p.m., Public Safety, Cameron
Feb 10	6:30 p.m., Springfield	Feb 10	7:00 p.m., Liberty
Feb 15	6:30 p.m., Ava	Feb 16	6:00 p.m., Mound City
Feb 17	6:30 p.m., Wright County	Feb 17	6:00 p.m., EOC, Rockport
Feb 22	6:30 p.m., Versailles	Feb 17	6:00 p.m., Fire Dept, Princeton
Feb 24	6:30 p.m., Stone County	Feb 22	6:30 p.m., 911 Center, Boonville
<i>Continued – Pleasant Hill NWS</i>			
Feb 22	7:00 p.m., CMSU, Warrensburg	Feb 24	7:00 p.m., Independence
Feb 24	6:00 p.m., Courthouse, Sedalia	Feb 28	7:00 p.m., Chillicothe

The Check (HMEP) Is In the Mail

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) will be mailing out the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) fund checks in February 2005. All counties in Missouri, including the City of St Louis, will receive the HMEP Grant funds. The Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) will be notified that the check has been mailed to the county and deposited for LEPC use. This grant money is to be used in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the MERC for: training, exercises, flow studies, hazard analysis and purchase of equipment for training.

Lessons Learned Info Sharing Website

The Lessons Learned Information Sharing website (www.llis.dhs.gov) is continually updated with new Lessons Learned, Best Practices, and Good Stories. Log in on a regular basis to view these documents as well as new publications, resources, and after-action reports posted to the system. LLIS.gov recently received draft versions of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 (HSPD-8) - "National Preparedness" Capabilities Summaries from DHS's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness. The documents are available for review and comment on the LLIS.gov homepage under HSPD-8: Capabilities Summaries Review. Additionally, take a look at The Rhode Island Station Club Fire After-Action Report on the website. Emergency response providers and homeland security officials from the local, state, and federal levels are eligible to join and registration is free of charge. You can direct those interested in the system to register at <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/signup/index.cfm>.